



# THE OUTLOOK

news and views from the City of Spring Hill, Kansas | June 2016

## neighborhood WALK & TALKS

Join us for the return of this  
popular civic engagement event!

Do you have questions about future City projects, big ideas to make our community a better place, or even simply a stop sign you'd like to see straightened? If you'd like to talk one-on-one with City leaders about any of your questions, concerns, or suggestions, then be sure to take part in our second annual Neighborhood Walk & Talks!

The Walk & Talks program began in 2015 as a new way to connect elected officials and City staff with residents. Mayor Steven Ellis, members of the City Council, and City staff visited each neighborhood over the course of five Mondays to discuss residents' ideas and suggestions for their individual neighborhoods and the community as a whole.

The successful inaugural 2015 Walk & Talks brought about many requested changes and updates on City projects. A progress report from these discussions is available on the next page.

The 2016 Walk & Talks will begin in late June. Each residence will receive a door hanger with the date, time, and meeting location for their neighborhood's Walk & Talk.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

### MONDAY, JUNE 27

Wolf Creek Estates, 5:30 p.m. at pool | Prairie Ridge, 6 p.m. at pool | Brookwood Farms, 6:30 p.m. at pool

### THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Maple Ridge, 5:30 p.m. at the far southern end of Falcon Ridge Drive | Woodland Ridge, 6:15 p.m. at pool

### THURSDAY, JULY 7

Original Town west of Webster, The Meadows, and Autumn Valley, 5:30 p.m. at City Park gazebo | Original Town east of Webster, 6:15 p.m. at the Spring Hill Police Station

### MONDAY, JULY 11

Village at Spring Hill, Victory Woods, and Village on Victory, 5:30 p.m. at the Spring Hill Community Center

### MONDAY, JULY 25

Blackhawk, Feather Ridge, Summerhill Acres, Heritage Glen, and Sweetwater Creek, 5:30 p.m. at Blackhawk Park

Inclement weather and unforeseen events may require some of these meeting dates to change. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter or watch the City website for updates.

# JUNE 2016 CITY CALENDAR

01

large item  
trash day:  
Miami County

02

Planning  
Commission  
meeting, 7 p.m.

03

Water Safety Day  
10 a.m. to noon

Join the Recreation Commission for  
an intro to water safety at the pool.  
See [www.springhillrec.org](http://www.springhillrec.org) for details.

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Public Safety  
Advisory Board  
meeting, 7 p.m.

09

City Council  
meeting, 7 p.m.

17

Tween Night  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Recreation Commission is hosting an evening of music,  
giveaways, games and fun for kids ages 9 to 12 at the  
Aquatic Center. Learn more at [www.springhillrec.org](http://www.springhillrec.org).

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Green Board  
meeting, 7 p.m.

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large item  
trash day:  
Johnson County

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City Council  
meeting, 7 p.m.

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Neighborhood  
Walk & Talk

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First day for fireworks



Independence Day is coming up, and it's time to celebrate!  
Fireworks can be legally purchased and discharged from  
June 28 through July 5 in the city limits.  
Fireworks may only be used between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.  
They may not be lit in groups of people, in public parks or  
parking lots, inside buildings, or in, under, or from a vehicle.  
Please remember to celebrate responsibly and to clean up  
all unfired fireworks and debris in a nonflammable  
container. Thank you doing your part to help keep our city  
safe and tidy by following these rules!

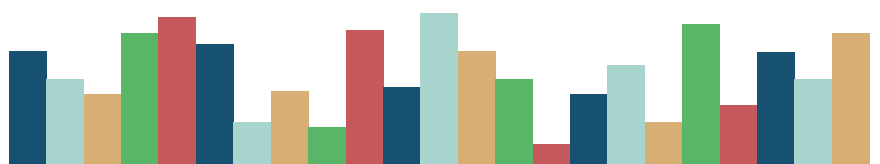
ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE SPRING HILL CIVIC CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## RWD 7 customers:

Recently, a letter regarding sewer  
reaveraging for WaterOne customers was  
accidentally sent to Rural Water District 7  
customers as well. Please disregard this  
letter unless you are a WaterOne customer.  
RWD 7 sewer averages were updated in  
April as previously noted, and WaterOne  
averages were updated in May.

## Coming soon: community survey

If you receive an envelope, a phone call, or an email from ETC Institute this  
summer, please take a few minutes to help us improve Spring Hill!  
Beginning in late June, ETC Institute will conduct a community survey on a  
wide range of local issues and services. These results will be compared to  
the results of local surveys completed in 2005 and 2013, as well as the  
results of surveys from the metro area and the rest of the U.S.  
The survey's findings and a final report will be available in late summer.







# Walk & Talk Progress Report

## Successful Inaugural Season

Throughout the 2015 Neighborhood Walk & Talks, Spring Hill residents expressed excellent ideas to make their City an even better place to call home. Some of your ideas need only quick fixes. Small requests like painting crosswalks and tending to code violations were taken care of quickly - those and other projects nearing completion are listed to the right. Many of you also wanted an update on anticipated major projects. There were also plenty of potential future efforts championed throughout the summer. The list below features the most popular requests for updates and future projects, as well as what we're doing to make those ideas a reality.

## Completed Requests

- ✓ Crooked street and stop signs straightened
- ✓ Asphalt cracks sealed or added to the repair schedule
- ✓ Patrols enhanced in areas with frequent speeding vehicles
- ✓ Bids received to build sidewalk between Wolf Creek Estates and Spring Hill High School - to be completed this summer
- ✓ Faded crosswalks restriped
- ✓ Tall grass and weed violations addressed
- ✓ Parking violations addressed
- ✓ Third phase of major stormwater system replacement in original town underway
- ✓ Drain pipe issues addressed

## Resident Wish List

### COMPLETION OF THE NEW LAKE PARK

Work on the City's newest park, now officially named Spring Hill Veterans Park, is progressing successfully. Construction on the park's access road will wrap up by fall, when a groundbreaking is tentatively planned. Open houses on the park's design are expected to begin in late summer.

### RENEWED CITY HALL + CIVIC CENTER

For some time, residents have asked for a Civic Center that better suits the community's needs. City staff are working on a plan to renovate the existing facility to include extensive improvements to the aging gymnasium, higher-quality multipurpose public spaces for meetings and activities, a more attractive reception room, and improved security measures through cost-effective updates based on resident feedback.

### IMPROVED ONLINE EXPERIENCE

Residents wanted City services to be more accessible online, and we're well on our way toward achieving that goal. A redesigned and reorganized City website is set to launch in early August with enhanced capabilities. Staff are also researching new software packages that would allow more payment transactions to be completed online.

### ENHANCED RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

A master sidewalks and trails system plan and master parks plan are in currently the early planning stages. Many Walk & Talk attendees wanted to see both recreational trails and better connections to key public facilities and

amenities. Specifically, residents wanted to see paths connecting Prairie Ridge to Spring Hill High School, along 199th Street, connecting the southern areas of Spring Hill to the Aquatic Center and schools, along Victory Road, and throughout the older areas of town. There was interest in bike trails or lanes throughout the city as well.

Residents were also interested in a recreation area near the Aquatic Center, new playground equipment, a skate park, and new uses for the old pool.

### BETTER INTERNET SERVICE

City staff are actively championing efforts to bring faster internet speeds to residents and businesses. Several major internet service providers have indicated that at this time, Spring Hill does not have a large enough population to justify expansion to our area.

### MORE RETAIL + RESTAURANTS

City leaders continuously recruit new business development while promoting community support for existing institutions. Fostering an environment of growth and prosperity for our business sector is a key priority for City leaders.

### RAILROAD QUIET ZONES

Noise from increased train traffic was a common complaint from residents, who asked that quiet zones be considered. With a price tag of about \$600,000 per intersection, implementation of these devices will require longterm planning.

# Save a stamp and go green!



The City of Spring Hill is pleased to offer a convenient and paperless way to receive and pay your utility bill. With E-Billing, you will receive your monthly bill via email and no longer receive a paper copy. With Automatic Bank withdrawal, you never have to worry about writing a check to pay your bill again! Your bank will automatically pay your bill on the date it is due.

Signing up is easy! Just fill out the form and return it to City Hall, 401 N. Madison, P.O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083. For more information, please visit our website at [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) or call (913) 592-3664.

## AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL ENROLLMENT

Account Number(s) (as shown on your utility bill): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as shown on your utility bill): \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking Routing: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number (**attach a voided check**): \_\_\_\_\_

Savings Routing: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number (**attach a deposit slip**): \_\_\_\_\_

I/we authorize the Financial Institution named below to pay my/our monthly utility bill by charging each payment to the account specified by me/us. I/we agree that each payment shall be the same as if it were an instrument personally signed by me/us. This authority is to remain in effect until revoked by me/us in writing. In addition, I/we have the right to stop payment on a charge by notifying the Customer Service Office five business days prior to the due date on my/our bill. I/we understand that both the Financial Institution and the City of Spring Hill reserve the right to terminate this payment plan or my/our participation therein. A returned check fee will be charged for all non-sufficient funds. All bank account owners must sign.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (if joint account): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## E-BILLING ENROLLMENT

I hereby authorize the City of Spring Hill providing services to the account(s) listed to commence electronic billing and cease issuance of a paper utility bill. The City of Spring Hill, Kansas is authorized to send me electronic bills and other related information.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_